

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0500-0614

Case Title:

Village of Crestwood, IL

Reporting Office:

Chicago, IL, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Interview of (b) (7)(C)

Activity Date:

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(b) (7)(C) RAC
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(b) (7)(C)
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SYNOPSIS

04/29/2009 - U.S. EPA CID Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (7)(C), employee of the Village of Crestwood Department of Public Works (DPW), regarding (b) knowledge of or involvement in the operation of Well #1.

DETAILS

On April 29, 2009, U.S. EPA CID Special Agent (SA) (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (7)(C), employee of the Village of Crestwood Department of Public Works (DPW), regarding (b) knowledge of or involvement in the operation of Well #1. After being informed of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, (b) (7)(C) provided the following information:

(b) (7)(C): (b) (7)(C), Posen, IL 60469; IDL: (b) (7)(C)
(b) (7) (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) goes by the nickname of (b) .

SA (b) (7)(C) explained to (b) (7)(C) that the agents would like to ask (b) some questions regarding the operation of the well, but that (b) was free to leave at any time. (b) (7)(C) replied that (b) understood and was willing to speak the investigators.

(b) (7)(C) has been employed as a Laborer with the Crestwood DPW since July of 1999. (b) (7)(C) duties include checking sewers for blockages, picking up garbage, mowing of grass, cutting trees and other typical DPW jobs.

The only time (b) (7)(C) is involved with the drinking water supply system are the occasional weekends (b) is required to work. The DPW workers take readings at the pump house on Sundays, twice a month. The pump house is located on 127th Street at Route 83.

Well #1 was closed at some point but (b) (7)(C) does not recall when.

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(b) (7)(C) went to the pump house for Well #1 once or twice when (b) first started with the DPW maybe in 2000 or 2001. (b) (7)(C) has not been to the pump house for Well #1 since 2001 or 2003. There are six DPW employees who rotate working weekends so anyone of them would have been required to check the pump house for Well #1 on the weekends. A log book used to be kept at the pump house which was used to record the flow meter numbers.

(b) (7)(C) was aware that the motor for Well #1 was removed last month. (b) (b) (7)(C) goes to the pump house for Well #1 frequently.

(b) (7)(C) left (b) employ with the DPW for approximately six months and when (b) returned (b) was told by someone that they didn't need to check Well #1 anymore. (b) (7)(C) does not recall who told (b) that they didn't need to check the well. (b) (7)(C) understood that the well was no longer being used at this time.

(b) (7)(C) is the only DPW employee who takes samples of the drinking water. (b) (7)(C) clarified that (b) took a sample from a Kmart store once. (b) (7)(C) does not know where the samples are taken, or where they are sent for analysis. (b) (7)(C) or (b) (7)(C) handle the paperwork for the samples. (b) (7)(C) has never heard of the Consumer Confidence Report.

(b) (7)(C) never obtained samples from Well #1 or performed any maintenance on the well. When (b) (7)(C) did record the flow meter readings (b) never heard the pump running.

SA (b) (7)(C) asked (b) (7)(C) if (b) was aware of the recent media reports regarding the contamination of Well #1. (b) (7)(C) replied that (b) had seen some of the news but did not believe it was true. The DPW workers discussed the news reports as well. (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) really wouldn't make any comments during these conversations.

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